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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 496

By Hargrove

A RESOLUTION To commend Jackson Wade Jenkins for  
exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, Each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Jackson Wade Jenkins is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Jere Hargrove; Wade's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislator he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, A student at Tennessee Technological University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Wade has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science, minoring in History and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; he is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, a Political Science Honor Society, and made the Dean's List in the Fall of 1997, the Spring of 1998, and the Fall of 1999 and 2000; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jenkins volunteered as a Hillbrook Teenage Christian Camp Counselor in July of 1997 and July of 2000, and has served as a Volunteer Sportsmen's Club Range Safety Officer; his outdoor hobbies include fishing, hiking and the shooting sports; his other great interest is studying and following national politics; and

WHEREAS, Eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Wade Jenkins brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2001 session of the One Hundred Second General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, When Wade first arrived on the Hill, the pace of events was slow and he passed the time reading; his selection of the book, *DUTCH, a Memoir of Ronald Reagan*, earned him the nickname "DUTCH"; the mandatory intern trip to the men's prison later in the session resulted in his acquisition of a second nickname, "Tender Butt"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jenkins demonstrated acute directional ability during the 2001 legislative session, when he was dispatched to Representative Hargrove's car to retrieve a briefcase; having been to the parking place on several previous occasions, he was confident of quickly completing the task. His buoyancy faded when the key that he had been given would not fit the Ford Taurus in parking space #115; after returning to the office with a bewildered look on his face and sweating profusely, he asked Pat Davenport, legislative assistant to Representative Hargrove, "115 lower level?" Pat responded "No, 115 UPPER LEVEL!"; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the 2001 legislative session, Mr. Jenkins has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; he has performed his many responsibilities with extraordinary ingenuity and decorum, and will be greatly missed by Representative Hargrove and Pat, who will always consider him part of their legislative family; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Jackson Wade Jenkins for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Jere Hargrove and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

